

TOURISM, ARTS AND HERITAGE CABINET
Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources
(As Amended at ARRS, September 14, 2021)

301 KAR 1:031. Land Between the Lakes provisions.

RELATES TO: KRS 150.025, 150.090, 150.170, 150.175, 150.250, 150.340, 150.360, 150.370, 150.470

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 150.025

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 150.025 authorizes the department to promulgate administrative regulations restricting the use of state recreational areas,~~[. KRS 150.025 also authorizes the department to]~~establish seasons for the taking of fish and wildlife, ~~[to]~~ regulate creel limits and methods of take, and to make these requirements apply to a limited area. The U.S. Forest Service has requested the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources to enforce its special fishing administrative regulations on the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area waters. This administrative regulation establishes the conditions and provisions under which fishing is permitted in the Land Between the Lakes area, ~~[and]~~ provides for enforcement by state conservation officers, ~~[and]. This administrative regulation]~~ provides compliance with the U.S. Forest Service.

Section 1. Fishing shall be permitted in Land Between the Lakes in accordance with the following requirements:

(1) Energy Lake.

(a) Fishing from a boat or the bank shall be permitted year-round except in the waterfowl refuge area.

(b) The waterfowl refuge area shall be the western one-third (1/3) of the lake and it shall be open to fishing from March 16 through October 31.

(2) Honker Lake.

(a) Fishing from a boat or the bank shall be permitted from March 16 through October 31.

(b) Fishing shall be permitted year-round in the portion of Honker Lake which extends from near the end, as indicated by signs, of the Long Creek Walk handicap trail to the base of the Hematite Lake spillway.

(3) Hematite Lake.

(a) Fishing from a boat or the bank shall be permitted from March 16 through October 31.

(b) ~~[Fishing from a boat shall be permitted from March 16 through October 31.~~

~~(c)] Gas-powered motors shall not be permitted.~~

(4) Farm ponds. Farm ponds shall be open to fishing year-round unless posted.

(5) Lake Barkley and Kentucky Lake.

(a) Fishing shall be open year-round unless posted.

(b) Bank fishing and frogging from the shoreline shall be permitted except in areas that are posted as closed for waterfowl refuges and other special uses.

(c) Frogging shall be by gigging only.

Section 2. Frogs may be taken in farm ponds and Energy and Honker Lakes by gigs only from May 15 through May 31. Hematite Lake and other areas as posted shall be closed to frogging.

Section 3. (1) Boats shall operate at "no wake" speed on Energy and Honker Lakes.

(2) A federal permit shall not be required for fishing or frogging.

(3) All administrative regulations pertaining to fishing and limits shall apply.

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